

apples and pears, and may ride such a little horse, and play with these children?' Then the man said, 'If he loves to learn and to pray, and is pious, he shall come also into the garden, Philip, too, and little James; and if they all come together, they may have likewise whistles, kettle-drums, lutes, and harps; they may dance also, and shoot with cross-bows.' Then he shewed me a beautiful green grass-plot in the garden prepared for dancing, where hung nothing but golden fifes, drums, and elegant silver cross-bows. But it was now early, and the children had not yet eaten enough, Therefore I could not wait for the dancing, and said to the man, 'Ah! dear sir, I will go instantly away, and write about this to my little son John, that he may pray earnestly, and learn well, and be pious, so that he also may come into this garden. But he has an Aunt Magdalene; may he bring her with him?' Then said the man, 'So shall it be; go and write to him with confidence.' Therefore dear little John, learn to pray with delight, and tell Philip and James that they must learn to pray, so they shall come with one another into the garden.

"With that I commend you to Almighty God; and give my love to Aunt Magdalene—give her a kiss for me.

Your affectionate father,

MARTIN LUTHER."

MISSIONARY TIDINGS.

THE MISSION AT SALONICA.

A few weeks ago a new labourer was added in this interesting scene. Her name is Miss Smith. After the most careful training in Edinburgh Normal School, in the course of which she shewed great intelligence and piety, she, of her own accord offered herself to the Ladies' Committee that she might proceed to the East. She has now arrived at Salonica, and has written letters home, giving a sketch of her voyage thither, and the kind reception she everywhere experienced. On her arrival, she says, the children of the place literally flocked round her in their gladness; and we have no doubt that by and by we shall hear of her having set agoing a flourishing school. This is a most promising enterprise; and for the good lady who has so devotedly given herself to the cause of Jesus in seeking to feed His lambs, we ask our readers prayers and aid. We shall give an account of Miss Smiths' labours from time to time.